

Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A button-attaching device comprising:

- an upper die for fixing a button;
- a lower die on which a button coupler to be coupled with the button with a fabric interposed therebetween is disposed;
- a button holder for temporarily holding the button and transferring the button held by the button holder to the upper die, and
- a button holder moving unit for moving the button holder between a button holding position for holding the button with the button holder and a button transferring position for transferring the button from the button holder to the upper die, wherein

the button holding position is located outside a lifting path of the upper die,

the button transferring position is located within the lifting path of the upper

die, and

the button holder moving unit moves the button holder along a circular trajectory between the button holding position and the button transferring position, the circular trajectory being described around a horizontally-provided rotating shaft.

2. and 3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** The button-attaching device according to claim 1, wherein the button holder moving unit includes: a rotating shaft; a rotating member that is rotatable around the rotating shaft, one end of the rotating member being connected to the button holder; and a resilient member connected to the rotating member, the resilient member **biasing** ~~acting so that~~ the button holder ~~moved~~ away from the button **transferring holding** position **toward** ~~returns to~~ the button holding position.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The button-attaching device according to claim 1, further comprising:

- a unit for moving the button holder away from ~~[[a]]~~ **the** lifting path of the upper die in conjunction with a lift-down motion of the upper die.

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6. **(Previously Presented)** The button-attaching device according to claim 1, wherein the button holder includes a projection or a dent corresponding to a notch or a tab as a marker for a circumferential position of the button.

7. and 8. **(Cancelled)**